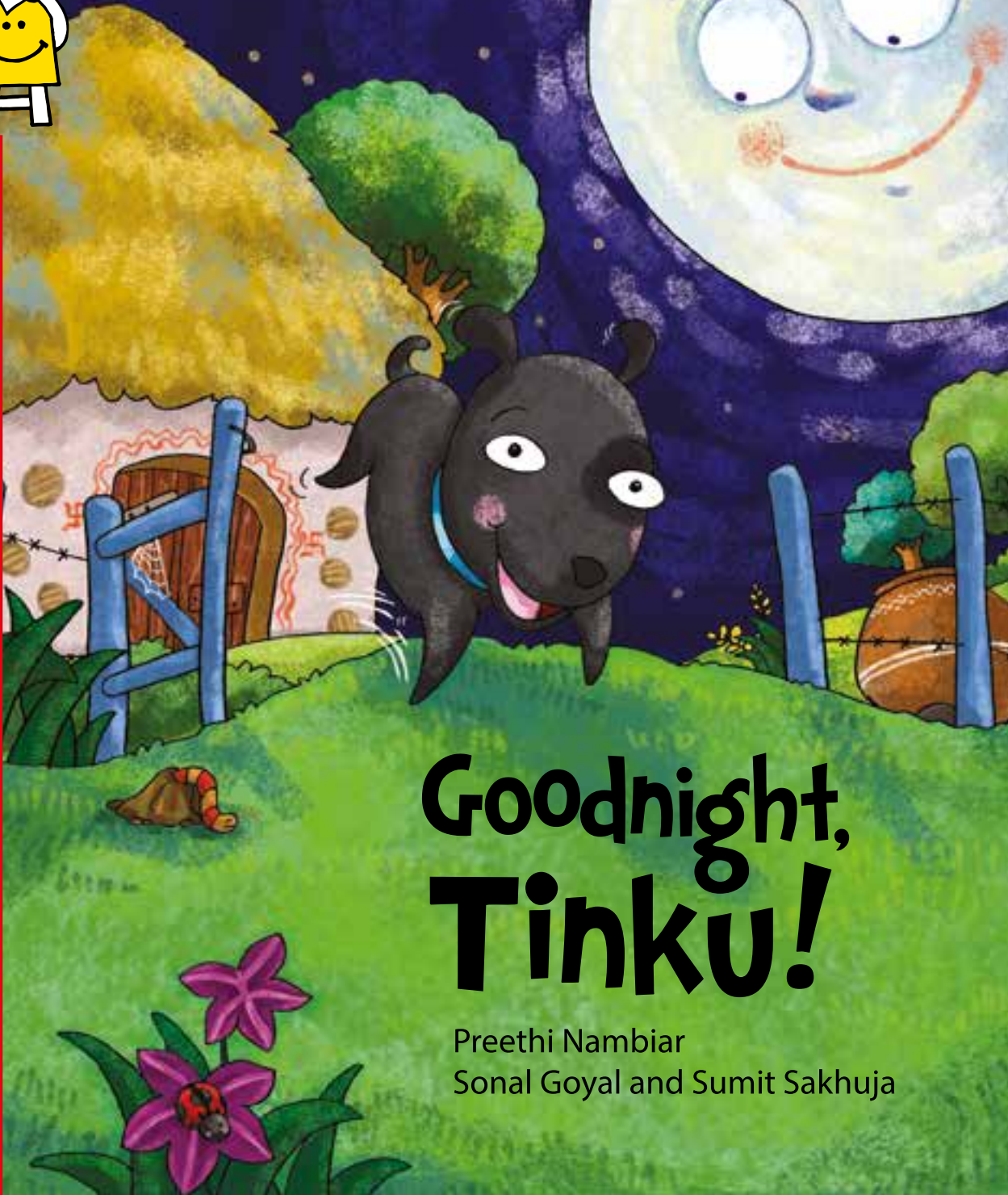




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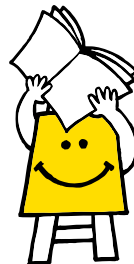
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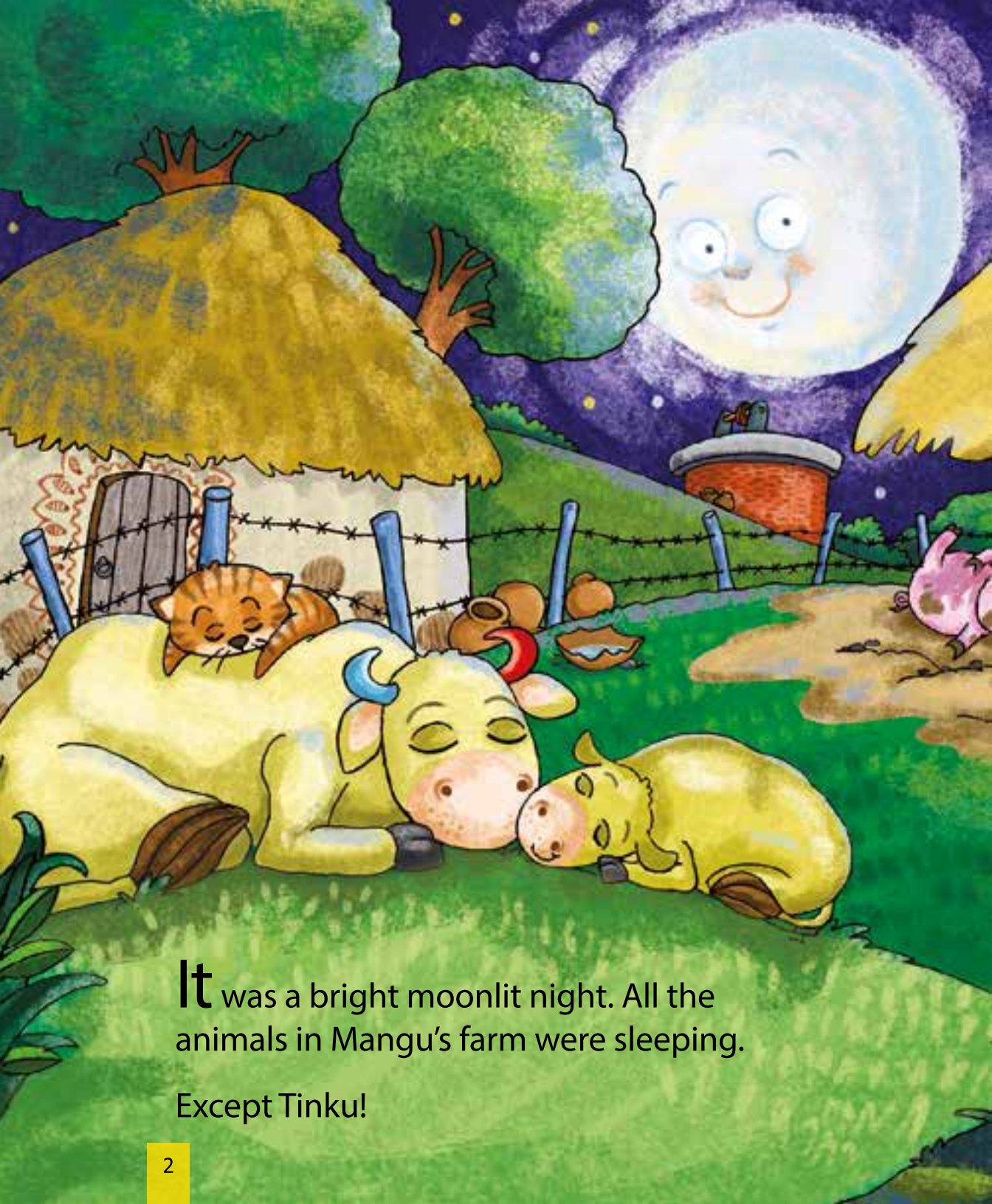
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It was a bright moonlit night. All the animals in Mangu's farm were sleeping.

Except Tinku!

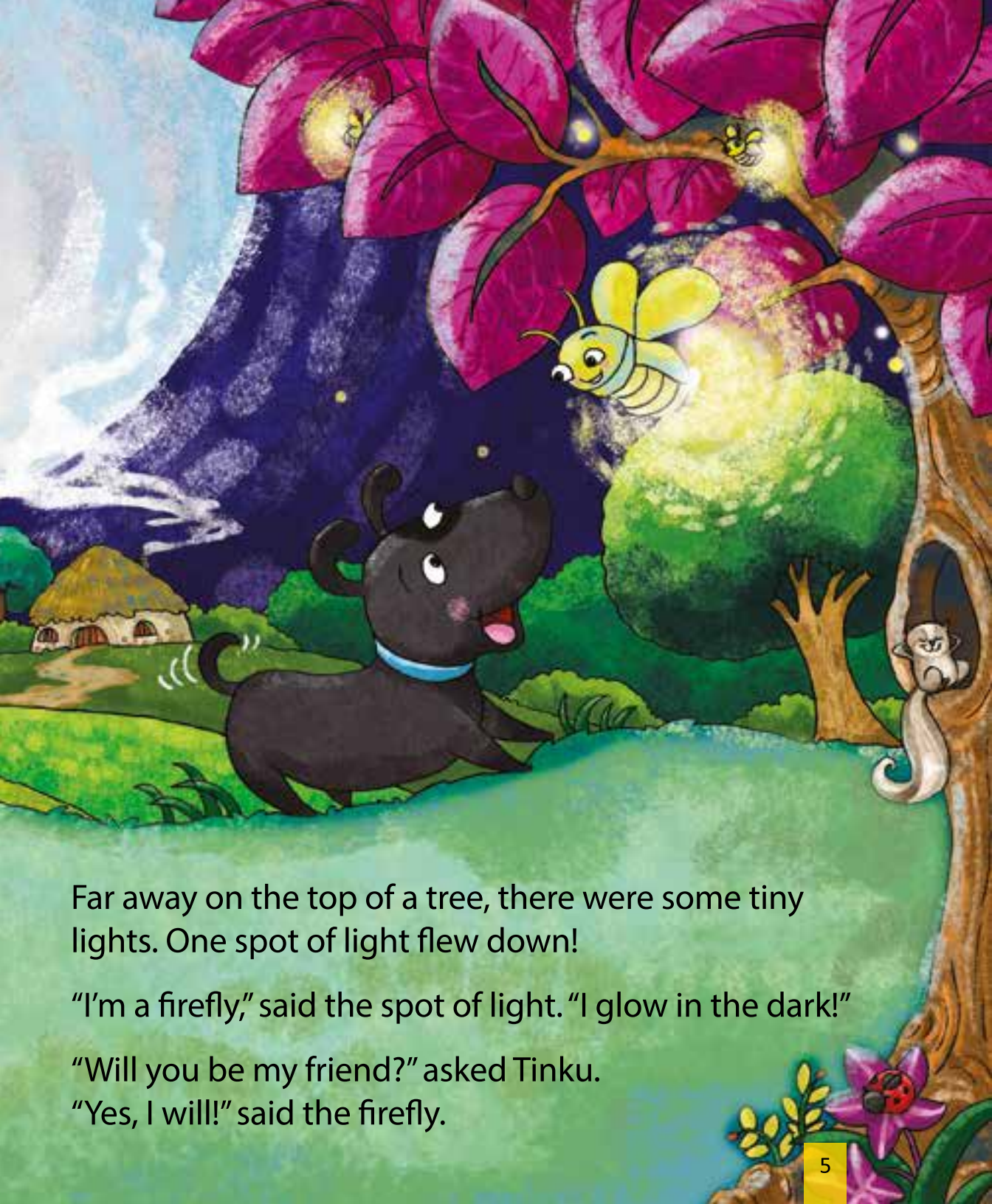
"I am not sleepy, Ma," murmured Tinku.
But Ma did not hear him. She was fast asleep.

He turned left, and he turned right. He lay
on his tummy, and rolled on his back. But he
could not sleep!





So he set off into the night to see what he could find. Up in the sky, Tinku saw the moon, white and round, smiling down at him. He felt very happy. 'Night is beautiful,' thought Tinku.



Far away on the top of a tree, there were some tiny lights. One spot of light flew down!

"I'm a firefly," said the spot of light. "I glow in the dark!"

"Will you be my friend?" asked Tinku.

"Yes, I will!" said the firefly.

Something flew by and hung upside down on a tree.
"What is your name, bird?" asked Tinku.

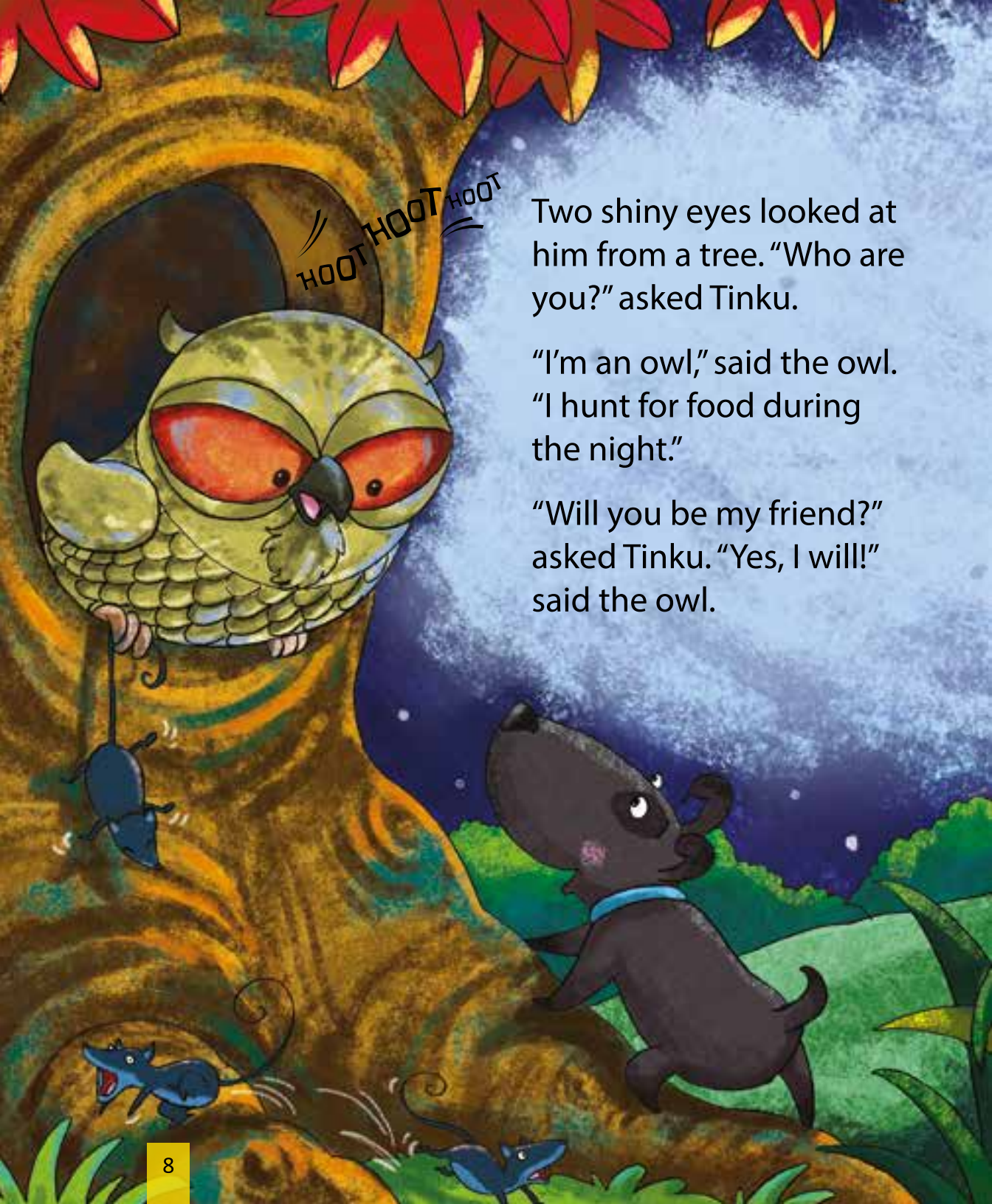
"I am not a bird, I am a bat. I can see during the night!"
said the bat. "Will you be my friend?" asked Tinku.
"Yes, I will!" said the bat.



A few leaves moved in the bushes. Someone was hiding! "Who are you?" asked Tinku.

"I am a fox," said the fox. "I go strolling out at night."
"Will you be my friend?" asked Tinku. "Yes, I will!" said the fox.





Two shiny eyes looked at him from a tree. "Who are you?" asked Tinku.

"I'm an owl," said the owl. "I hunt for food during the night."

"Will you be my friend?" asked Tinku. "Yes, I will!" said the owl.



"CHIRRRRRRP! CHIRRRRRRP!"

"Who is here?" Tinku asked. "I'm a cricket," said the cricket. "I chirp when it is dark."

"Will you be my friend?" asked Tinku. "Yes, I will!" said the cricket.

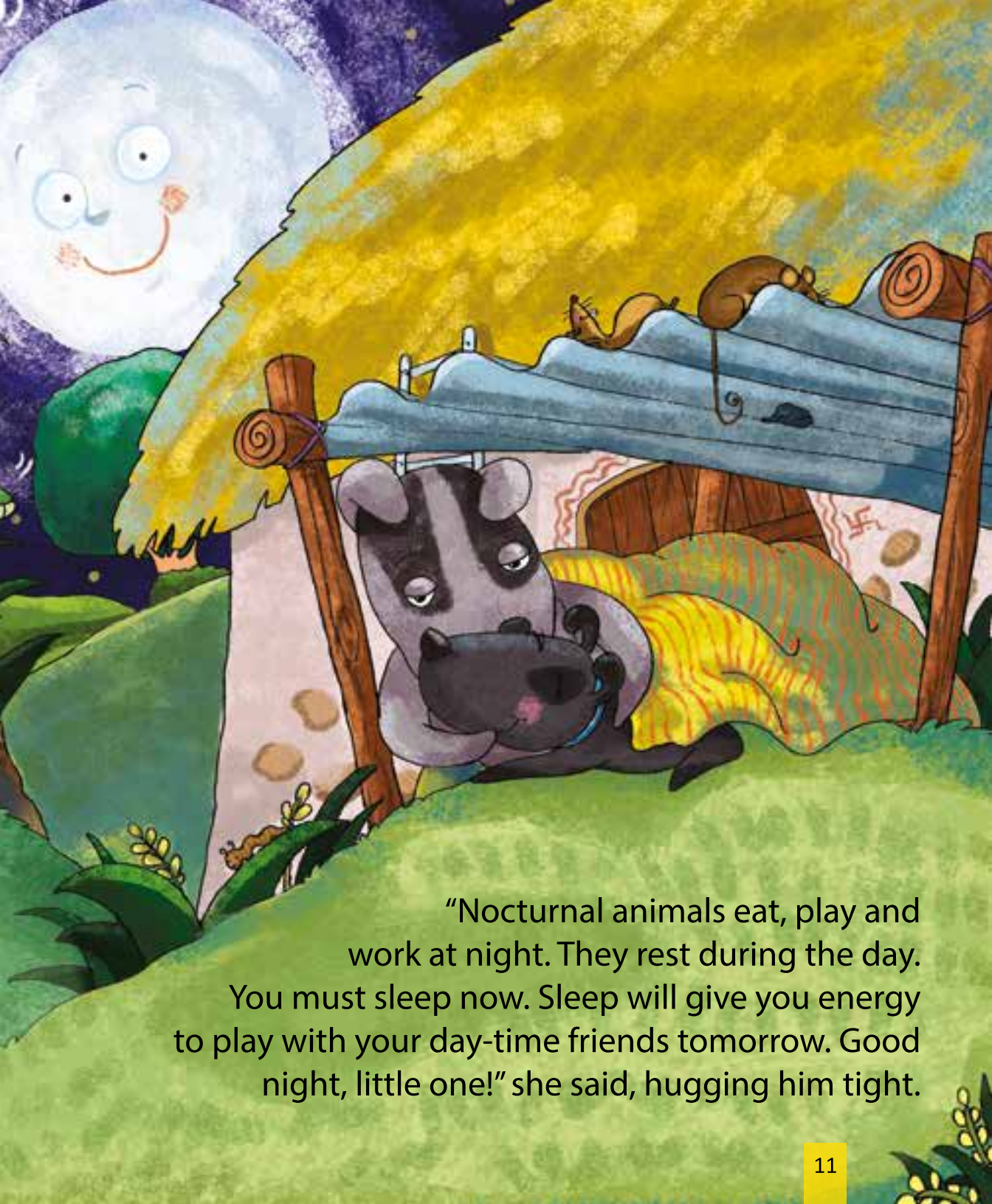




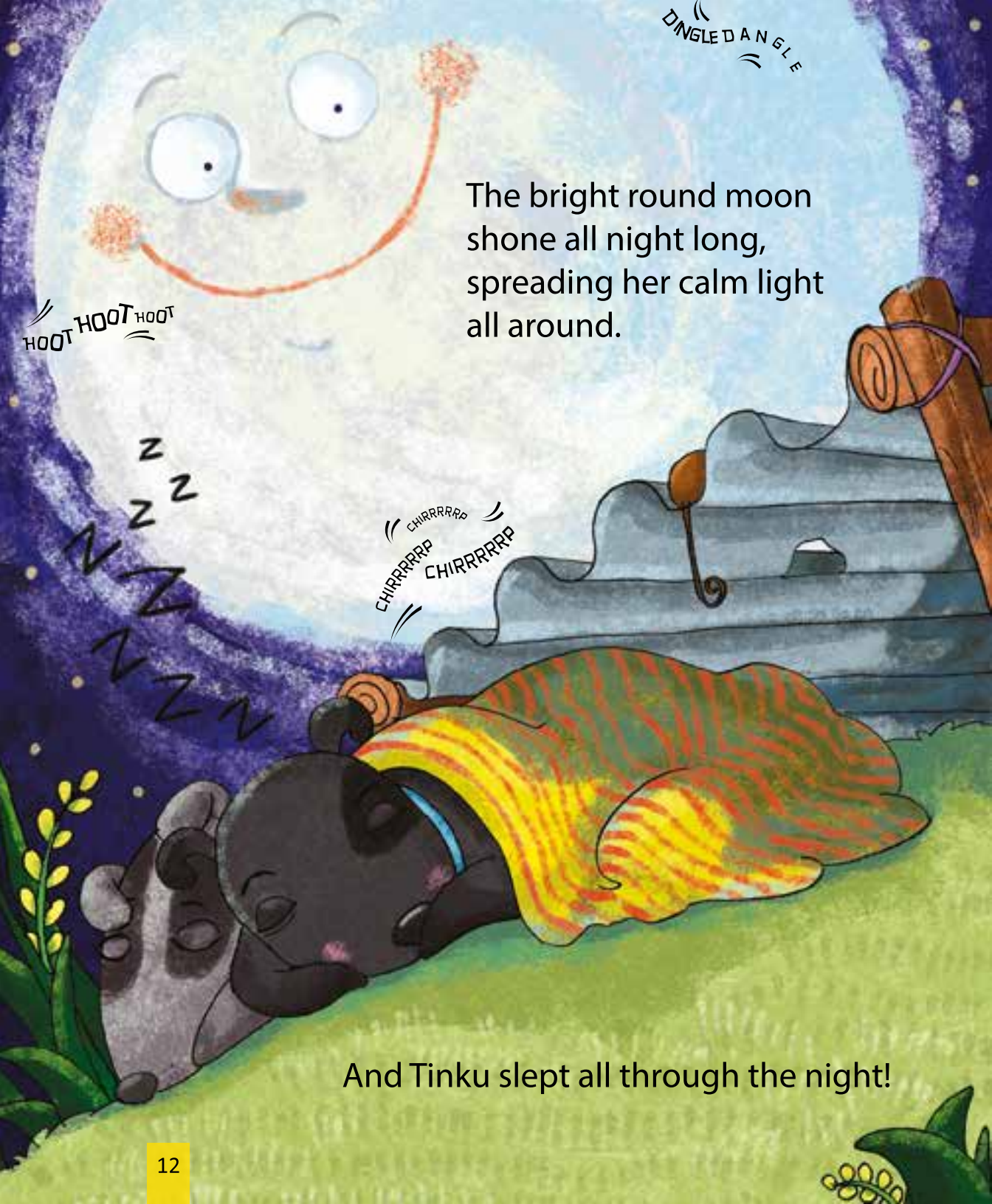
Tinku and his friends jumped and tossed and rolled until Tinku yawned. "I am sleepy. I have to go home now," said Tinku. He was happy that he had many new friends.

Snuggling close to Ma, he said, "Night is not a lonely place, Ma. Night is full of wonderful beings."

"Yes!" replied Ma. "Your new friends are nocturnal, just like wild dogs."



“Nocturnal animals eat, play and work at night. They rest during the day. You must sleep now. Sleep will give you energy to play with your day-time friends tomorrow. Good night, little one!” she said, hugging him tight.



The bright round moon
shone all night long,
spreading her calm light
all around.

And Tinku slept all through the night!



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Preethi Nambiar has worked as a visual designer before venturing into early childhood education. She blends technology and traditional forms of education when she works with children. Preethi loves animals and conveys facts about animal life through stories. She dedicates this book to her father for his encouragement, and to her son for inspiring her to write.



Sonal Goyal loves to draw and paint. It is almost impossible to find a blank sheet of paper on her table!

Sumit Sakhuja is a 'Burp' artist who burps after completing every drawing. The better the drawing the louder the burp!

Tinku, a little pup at Mangu's farm is not sleepy at all. He decides to step out into the night and meets many interesting animals.

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